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September 17, 2021

## Dear Interested Party:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is proposing to grant a conveyance of a perpetual easement for Right of Way (ROW) to Missoula Electric Cooperative, Inc., across 1.01 acres of land owned by FWP for buried and/or overhead powerlines. The proposed project involves upgrading an existing overhead powerline and installation of 175 feet of new underground powerline. The land is part of FWP's Upper Osprey Fishing Access Site located in the Cyr area of Mineral County, Montana.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared, describing the proposal. The EA document may be viewed on FWP's Internet website <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">http://fwp.mt.gov</a> ("News & Public Notices" at top of webpage, then "Public Notices"). The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; or by emailing <a href="mailto:shrose@mt.gov">shrose@mt.gov</a>.

Comments may be directed to Region 2 FWP (Sharon Rose) at the mail or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than October 4, 2021.

As part of the decision-making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the comment period. The Director of FWP has the final decision-making authority for this proposed easement.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold

**Regional Supervisor** 

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